

Namibia: Three Children Escape Lightning Strike [Namibia]

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Walvis Bay — Three children narrowly escaped death on Saturday evening when the shack they were sheltering in was struck by lightning. The lightning strike ignited a shack fire at an informal settlement in Omaruru, from which the children escaped with their lives.

During the weekend crime briefing yesterday afternoon the acting crime coordinator for the Erongo Region, Deputy Commissioner Oillie Kashuupulwa told New Era a mobile phone left on a table in the shack was struck by a bolt of lightning.

The shack immediately caught fire with the children trapped inside. But the children managed to escape the blaze with the assistance of some community members who managed to open the shack's door for the children to escape the fire.

"All three sustained burn wounds and are currently in hospital. Their condition is stable," said Kashuupulwa yesterday.